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## **Conservation Commission Minutes 12/03/2009**

Arlington Conservation Commission  
 Minutes  
 December 3, 2009

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, Charles Tirone, Ellen Reed, David White, Catherine Garnett and William O'Rourke of the Commission and Brian Thomas, associate member. Ezra Benjamin and of the Commission was not in attendance. Also present were Mark Kantor, Lijian Zhao, David Dolan, Stephen Stiles and Rich Kirby of LEC.

7:45 pm – Commission Business

Reed/White motioned to approve the 11/19 **minutes** as written; motion passed unanimously.

Edits for the **Walking book** were due and most everything is compiled. The editing will take place in January.

8pm – **Request for Determination of Applicability** – 75 Beverly Rd

The applicant is proposing a second floor addition to the house which is within the Buffer Zone of the Lower Mystic Lake.

The applicant proposed to install a line of erosion controls across the yard between the work and the shoreline. The grassed yard is relatively flat, the shoreline has a chain link fence and the old concrete wall installed by MWRA (which is collapsed). The house will appear to have three levels on the side facing the lake, since this includes the walk out basement level, the first floor and the new windows on the second floor. The new siding will match the existing white siding. The property has an existing dock permit but there is no dock at the property at the moment. They will exercise the permit and install a new dock.

The Commission thought that the erosion control line could be installed with only siltation fence and that no strawbales would be necessary.

No dumpsters or uncovered stockpiles would be allowed within the back yard.

O'Rourke/Reed motioned issue a Determination of Applicability that while the work is within the Buffer Zone of the Lower Mystic Lake, that the work, as proposed, will not effect the resource area so no Notice of Intent needs to be filed; motion passed unanimously.

8:15pm –**Notice of Intent**, 1007 Massachusetts Ave., Highland Firestation

Ms. Beckwith received a note that the applicant requested to continue the hearing to the next meeting.

White/Reed motioned to continue the hearing, with the applicant's consent, to 12/17 at 8pm; motion passed unanimously.

8:30pm **Working Session** – 14 Reed St.

Mr. Dolan explained the his needs to modify the permitted plans, that include adding a second entrance from the house to the driveway, lengthening the driveway to allow for parking to comply with zoning, and adding a bulkhead for access to the crawlspace underneath the house.

The driveway would be constructed using cellular grids with gravel, and this would not adversely affect the stormwater system. The driveway for 18 Reed St would have the same system installed.

The Commission recommended that the owner file for an amendment to the existing permit for these desired changes.

8:45pm **Working Session** – 86 Coolidge Rd

The consultant drafted plans for two new houses at this property. The rear of the land contains a small headwater stream and wetland. One house would be placed above a retaining wall since the lot is very sloped. The second house would be built above a ledge, using it as a patio. Both structures are within the Buffer Zone of the stream and wetland.

The site is currently forested, vegetated with some invasive species (multiflora rose). The mitigation for the houses could be invasive plant removal and enhancement plantings within the Buffer Zone and Resource areas.

The Commission will conduct a site walk to this property on 12/11 at 8am in order to understand the draft proposal.

Commission Business (cont.)

The Commission discussed the pavement at **34 Forest St.** Multiple members observed runoff flow going directly into Mill Brook. Ms. Garnett has a design modification idea that will help to remedy this undesirable condition.

Mr. White reported the **Cookes Hollow** plans are still being drafted and they are looking for an access connection to Water St.

Meeting adjourned at 10pm.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Corinna Beckwith  
Administrator